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SUBJECT: 373 MILITARY ARMISTICE COMMISSION MEETING

REF: SEOUL 2450

MILITARY ADDRESSEES HANDLE AS SPECAT

1. REF A INDICATES KPA/CPV PROPOSED MAC MEETING FOR
APRIL 3, AND UNC HAS ACCEPTED.

2. IN COMING MONTHS THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENT IN OUR
APPROACH TO THE KOREAN QUESTION AT THE UNGA IS
IMPORTANCE OF ARMISTICE AGREEMENT AND JUSTIFICATION
FOR CONTINUATION OF UNC SOLELY BECAUSE OF THAT.

3. CONSEQUENTLY, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT MAC MEETINGS
BE HANDLED IN AS ROUTINE, LOW-KEY AND NON-PROPAGANDISTIC

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MANNER AS POSSIBLE. EMBASSY/UNC SHOULD CONTINUE TO

ASSURE THAT OUR STATEMENTS AT MAC MEETINGS RELATE
SOLELY TO RESPONSIBILITIES OF MAC. FROM OUR POINT OF
VIEW THE LESS ATTENTION DRAWN TO INDIVIDUAL MAC
MEETINGS THE BETTER.

4. ABOVE CONSIDERATIONS ARE TO GUIDE EMBASSY/CINCUNC
IN THEIR PREPARATIONS FOR MAC MEETINGS.

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